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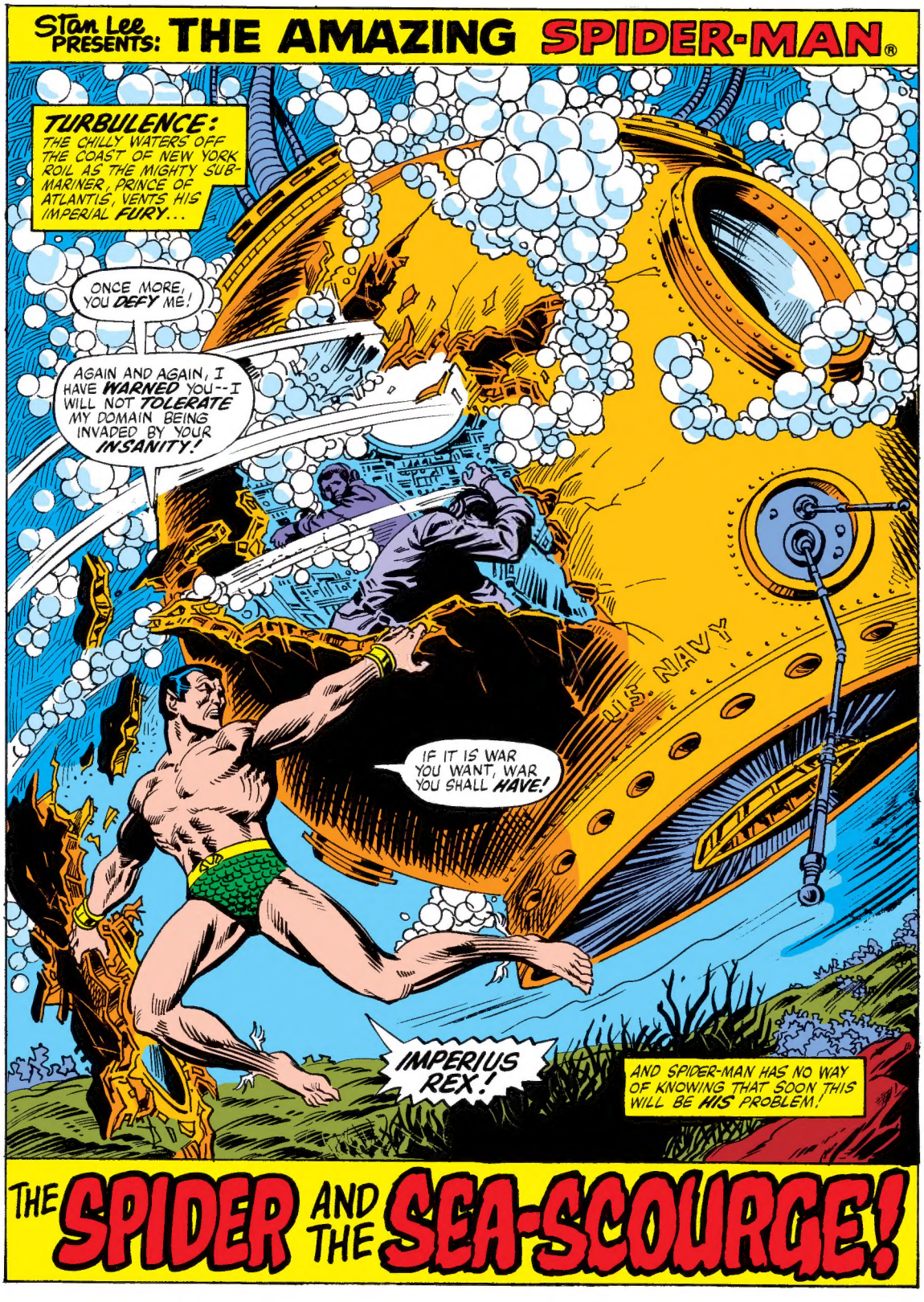

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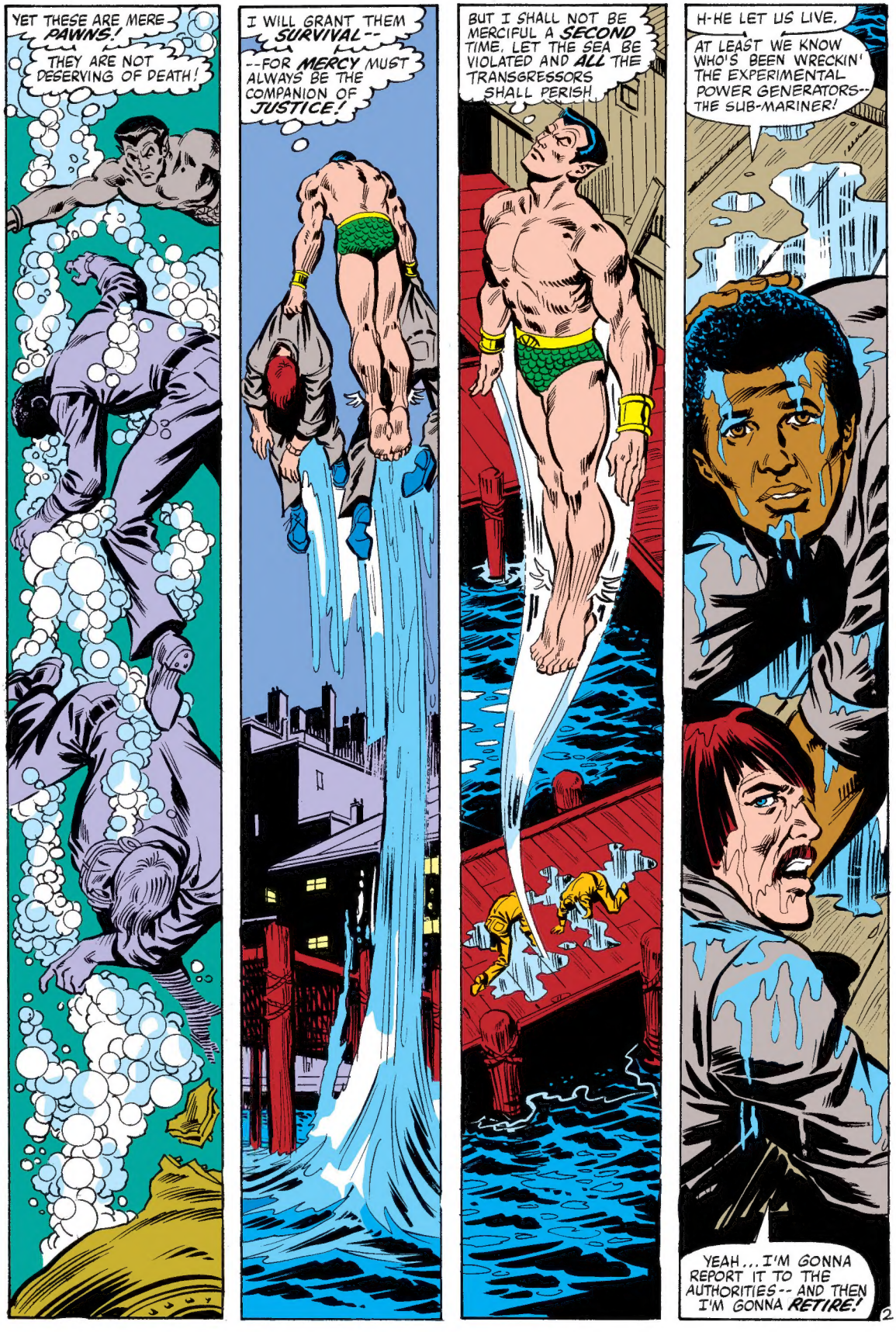

YET THESE ARE MERE PAWNS!
THEY ARE NOT DESERVING OF DEATH!
I WILL GRANT THEM SURVIVAL--
--FOR MERCY MUST ALWAYS BE THE COMPANION OF JUSTICE!
BUT I SHALL NOT BE MERCIFUL A SECOND TIME. LET THE SEA BE VIOLATED AND ALL THE TRANSGRESSORS SHALL PERISH
H-HE LET US LIVE.
AT LEAST WE KNOW WHO'S BEEN WRECKIN' THE EXPERIMENTAL POWER GENERATORS-- THE SUB-MARINER!
YEAH... I'M GONNA REPORT IT TO THE AUTHORITIES-- AND THEN I'M GONNA RETIRE!

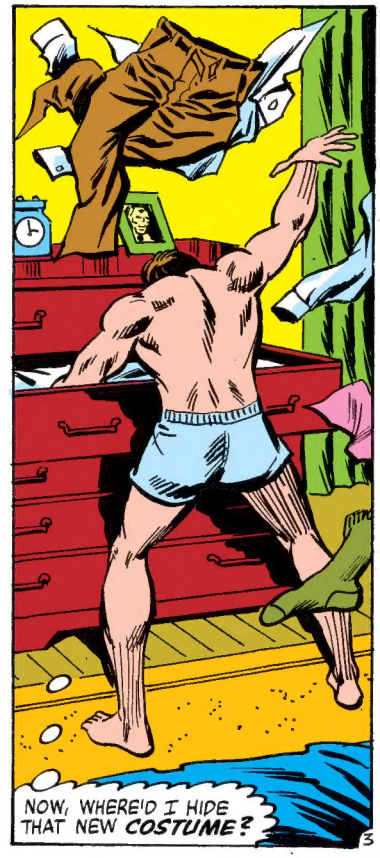
MEANWHILE, IN NEW YORK CITY'S CHELSEA AREA...
MAXINE, MAXINE, OF LOVE AND BEW-TEE YOU ARE THE QUEEN

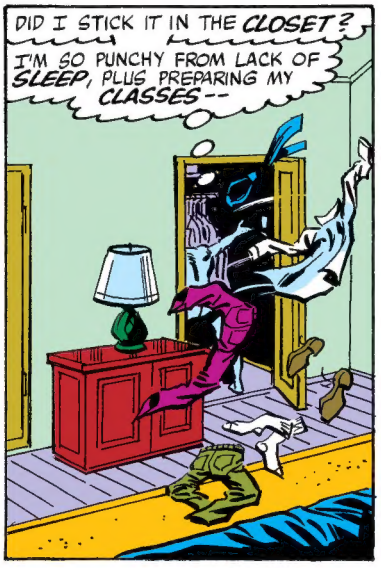
YOU OUGHTTA BE THE STAR OF A MOVIE SCENE
AP-PALLING! THAT IS ABSOLUTELY THE WORST SINGING I HAVE EVER HEARD!
MY NEW NEIGHBOR HAS BEEN CATERWAULING FOR HOURS--
--AND I HAVE AN EIGHT O'CLOCK EXAM.

HEY... FELLA! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S THREE IN THE MORNING?

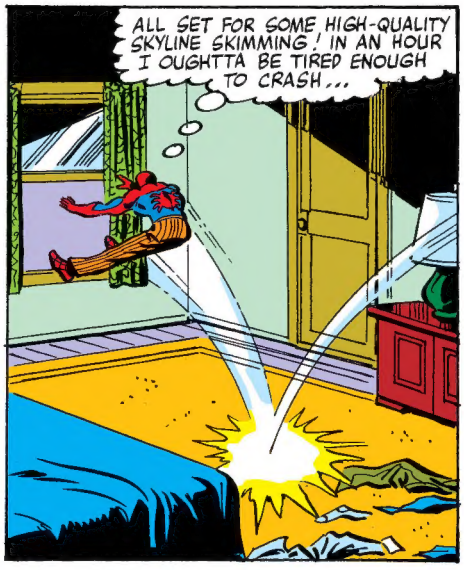
WHY, NO, AH DON'T, BUT THANKS A HEAP FOR THE INFO, PARD.
I GIVE UP. I'LL NEVER GET TO SLEEP-- AND MY NERVES ARE SCREECHING LIKE HIS SO-CALLED MUSIC.

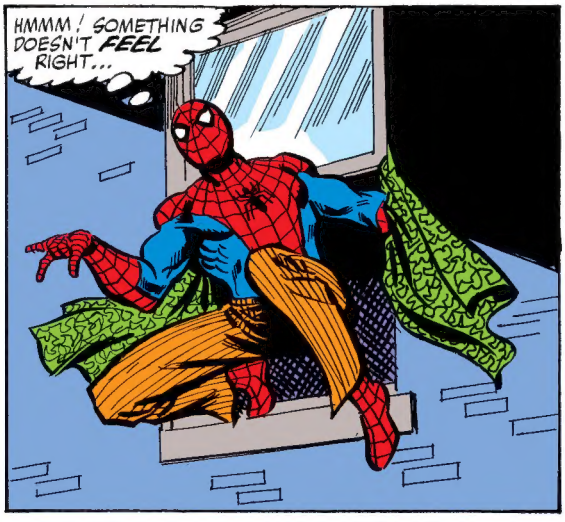
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE LOST SNOOZE TIME--
--BUT MAYBE A LITTLE WEB-SWINGING WILL CALM ME.


NOW, WHERE'D I HIDE THAT NEW COSTUME?

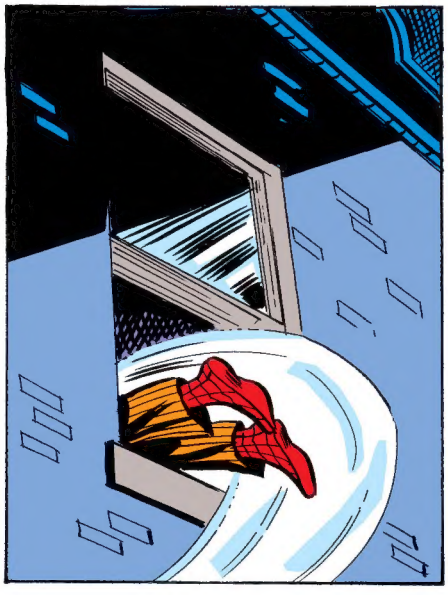

DID I STICK IT IN THE CLOSET?
I'M SO PUNCHY FROM LACK OF SLEEP, PLUS PREPARING MY CLASSES--

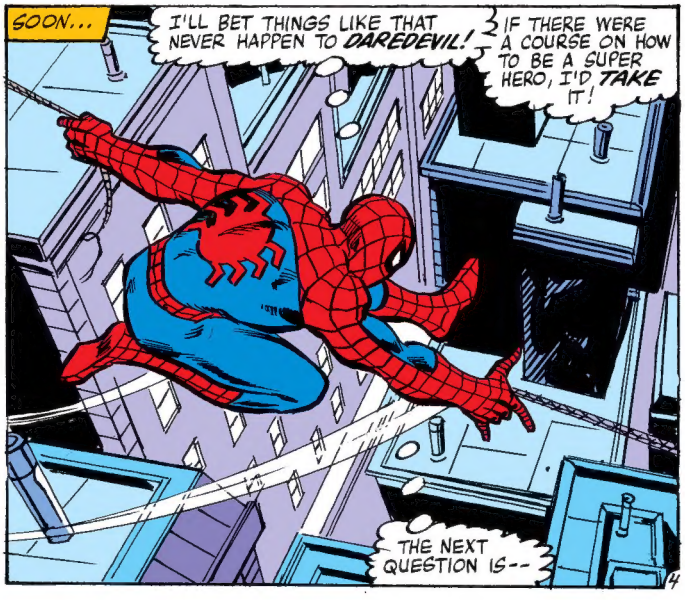
--WORRYING ABOUT THE NEW TERM AND AUNT MAY'S ILLNESS... I'M LUCKY I KNOW MY NAME --EITHER OF MY NAMES-- MUCH LESS WHERE I HID MY SPIDEY SUIT...
AH... HERE IT IS--


ALL SET FOR SOME HIGH-QUALITY SKYLINE SKIMMING! IN AN HOUR I OUGHTTA BE TIRED ENOUGH TO CRASH...

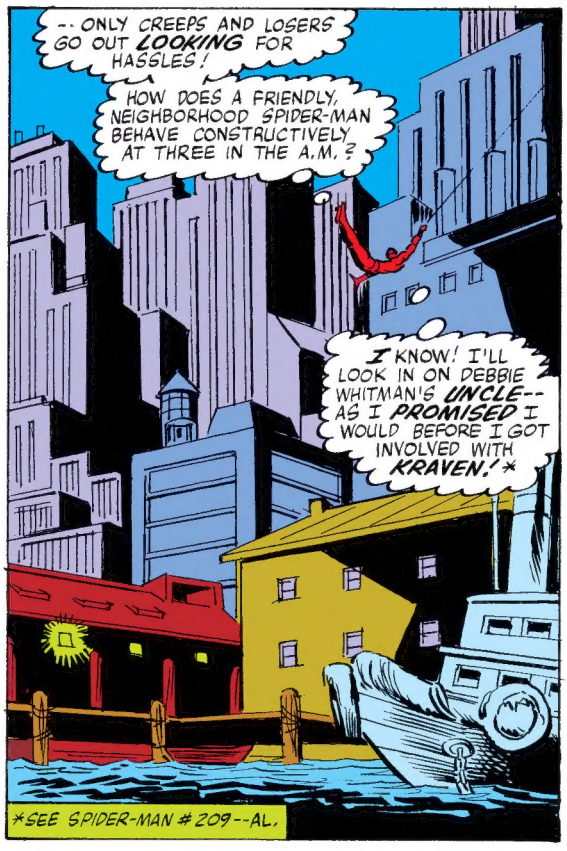

HMMM! SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

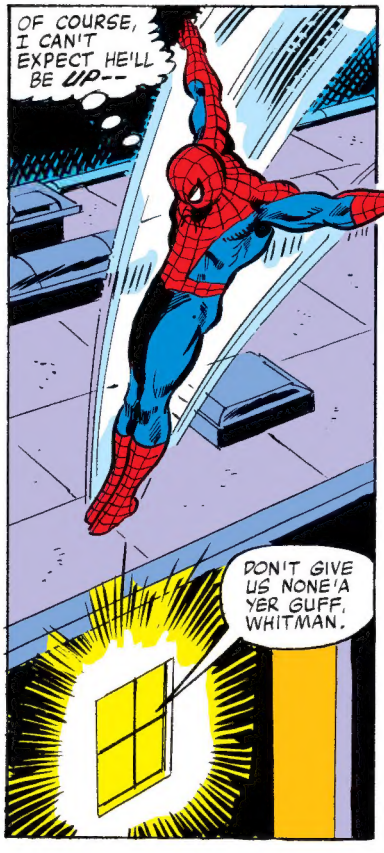
SHEESH

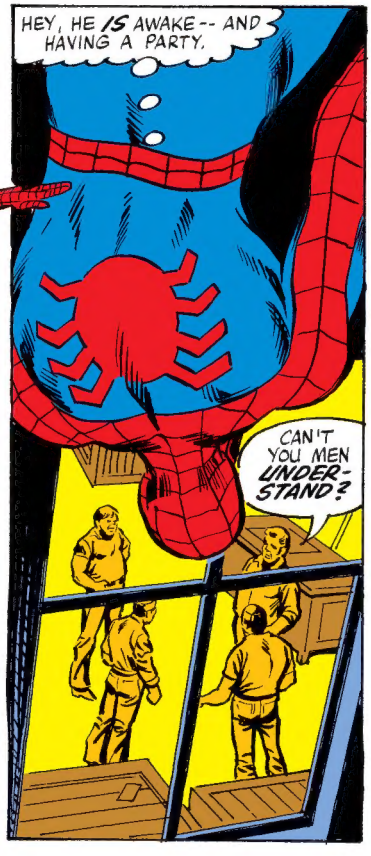



SOON...
I'LL BET THINGS LIKE THAT NEVER HAPPEN TO DAREDEVIL!
IF THERE WERE A COURSE ON HOW TO BE A SUPER HERO, I'D TAKE IT!
THE NEXT QUESTION IS--

--WHERE THE HECK AM I GOING?
I FEEL LIKE A DOPE SWINGING AROUND FOR NO REASON!
YET I DON'T WANT TO LOOK FOR TROUBLE--


--ONLY CREEPS AND LOSERS GO OUT LOOKING FOR HASSLES!
HOW DOES A FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN BEHAVE CONSTRUCTIVELY AT THREE IN THE A.M.?
I KNOW! I'LL LOOK IN ON DEBBIE WHITMAN'S UNCLE--AS I PROMISED I WOULD BEFORE I GOT INVOLVED WITH KRAVEN!*
*SEE SPIDER-MAN #209--AL.

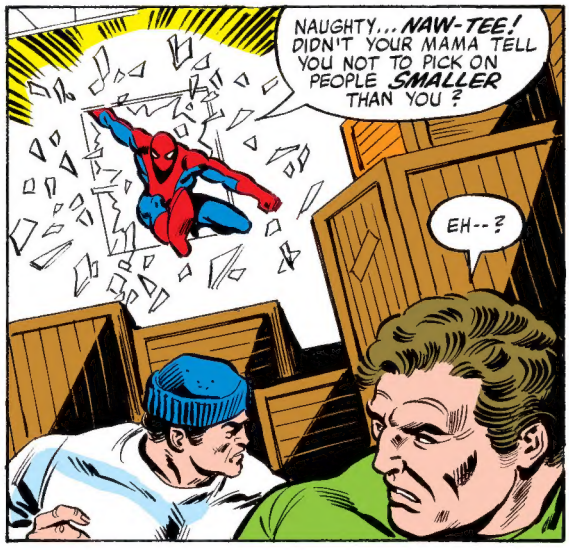

OF COURSE, I CAN'T EXPECT HE'LL BE UP--
DON'T GIVE US NONE'A YER GUFF, WHITMAN.


HEY, HE IS AWAKE-- AND HAVING A PARTY.
CAN'T YOU MEN UNDER-STAND?

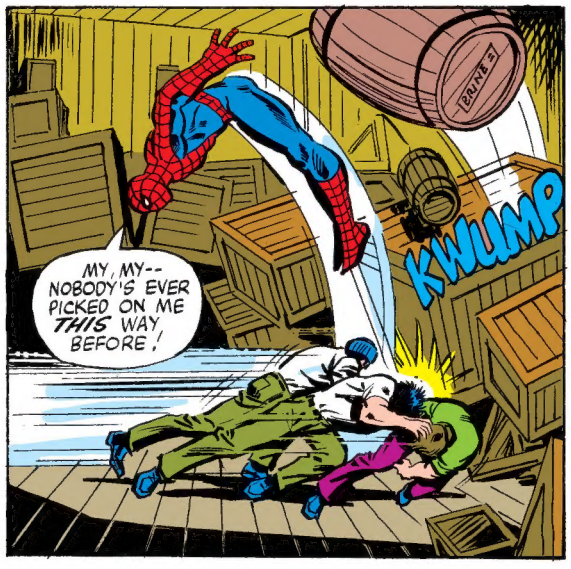
--I MUST INSIST YOU HONOR YOUR CONTRACT. I DON'T WANT TO RISK YOUR LIVES--EVERY PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN--

--BUT THAT SHIP MUST LEAVE ON SCHEDULE-- AND YOU MUST BE ITS CREW!
IF I HAVE TO GET THE POLICE IN ON THIS...
YOU THREATENIN' US, YA OLD SCAB?

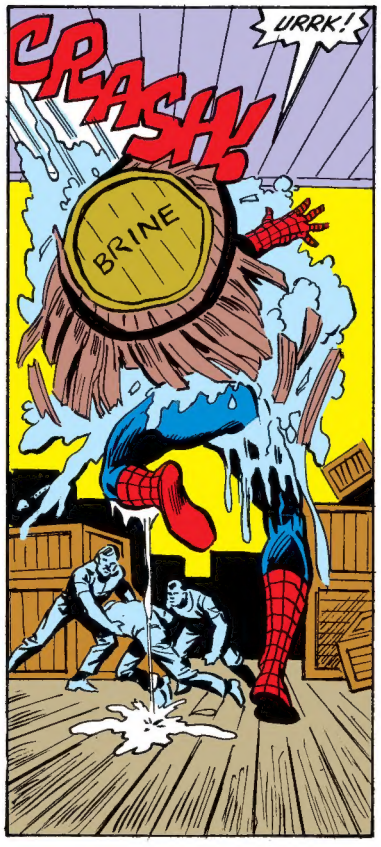
I AIN'T TAKIN' YER THREAT--AND I AIN'T YAPPIN' ANY MORE, EITHER!

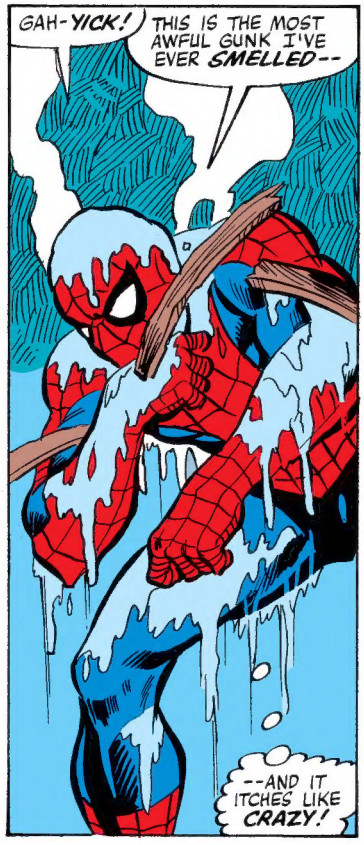

NAUGHTY... NAW-TEE! DIDN'T YOUR MAMA TELL YOU NOT TO PICK ON PEOPLE SMALLER THAN YOU?
EH--?

YOU CAN PICK ON ME, THOUGH! I'M NOT AS BIG AS YOU, BUT SPIDER-MEN ARE FAIR GAME--
--ASK ANY VILLAIN IN TOWN!

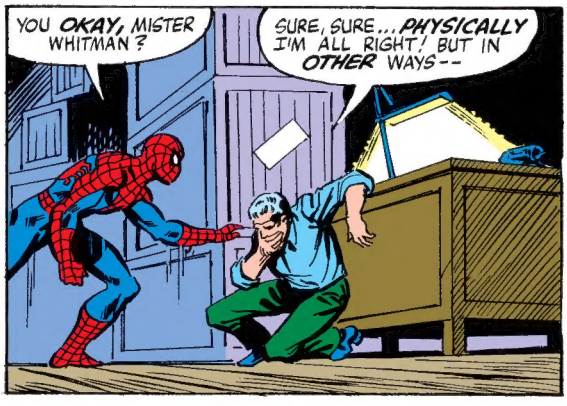

KWUMP
MY, MY-- NOBODY'S EVER PICKED ON ME THIS WAY BEFORE!

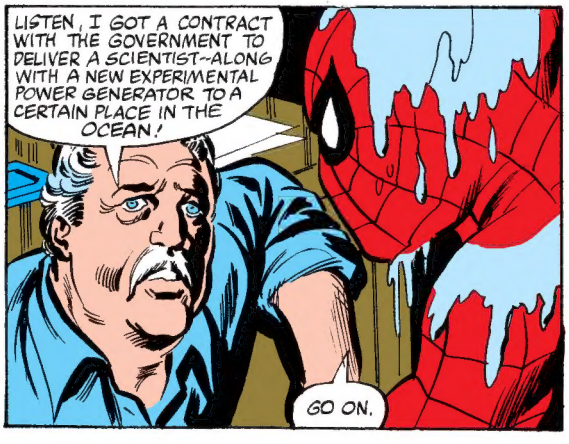
ARE YOU OKAY, PAL?
BRINE
UH OH! SPIDEY SENSE TINGLING--BUT WHAT--?


CRASH!
URRK!
BRINE

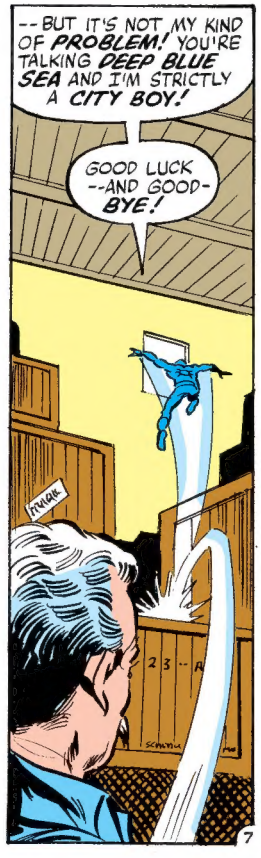

GAH-YICK!
THIS IS THE MOST AWFUL GUNK I'VE EVER SMELLED--
--AND IT ITCHES LIKE CRAZY!

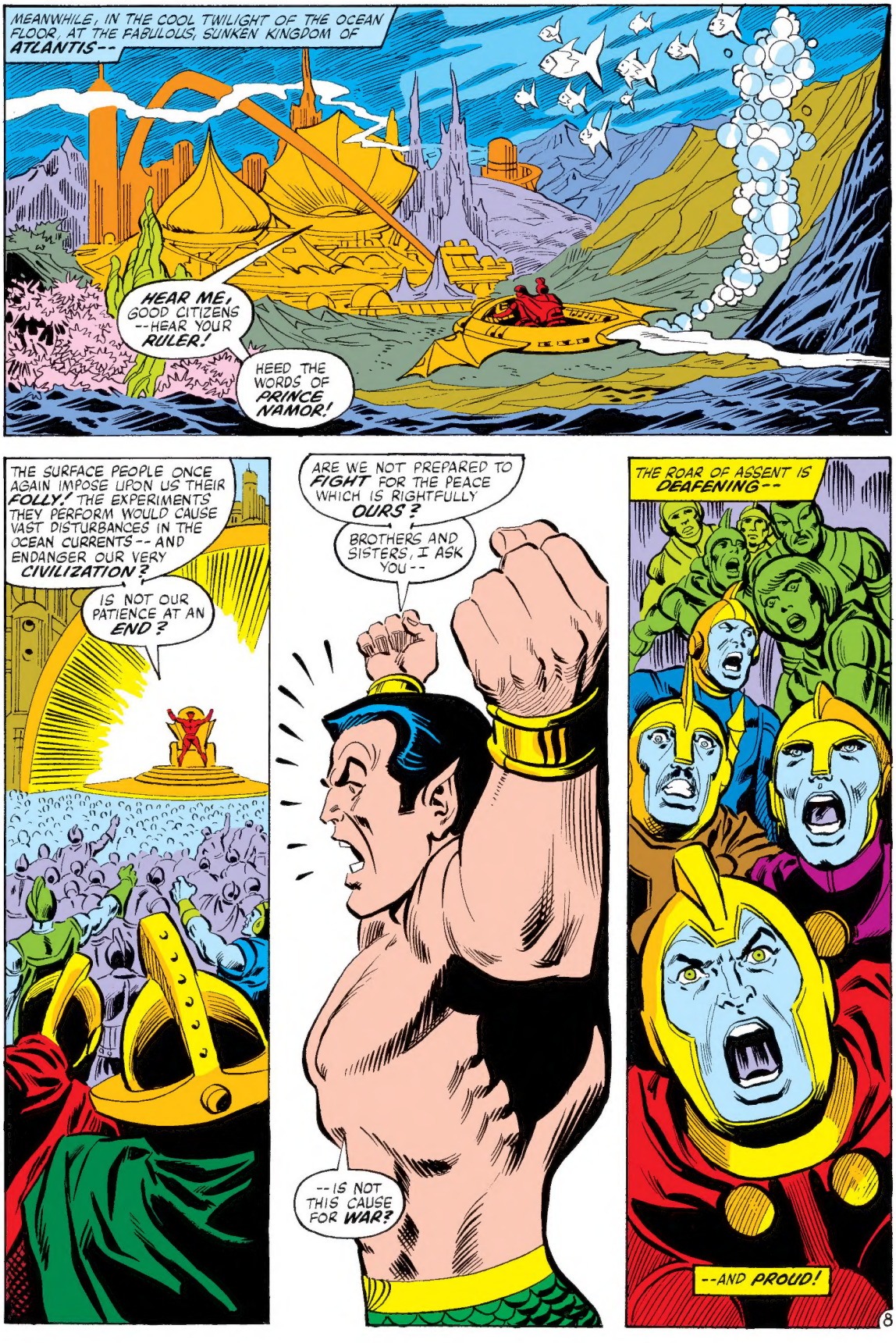
OUTSIDE--
LET'S BEAT FEET!
YEAH... I DIN'T SIGN ON TO TRADE DUKES WITH NO SPIDER-MAN!

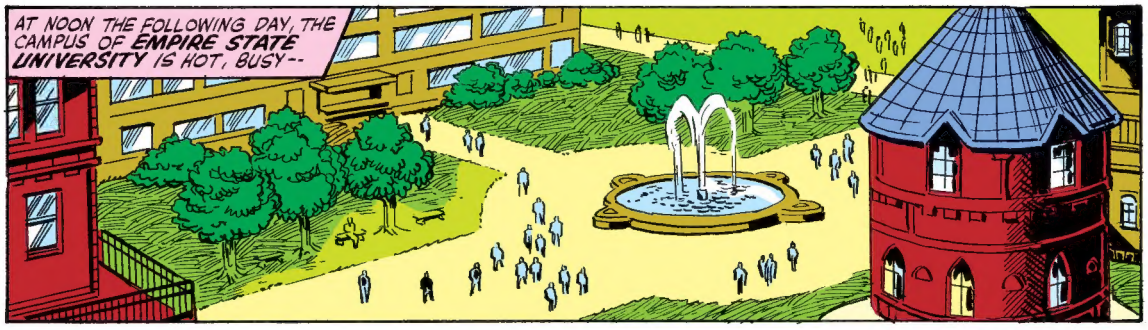

YOU OKAY, MISTER WHITMAN?
SURE, SURE... PHYSICALLY I'M ALL RIGHT! BUT IN OTHER WAYS--

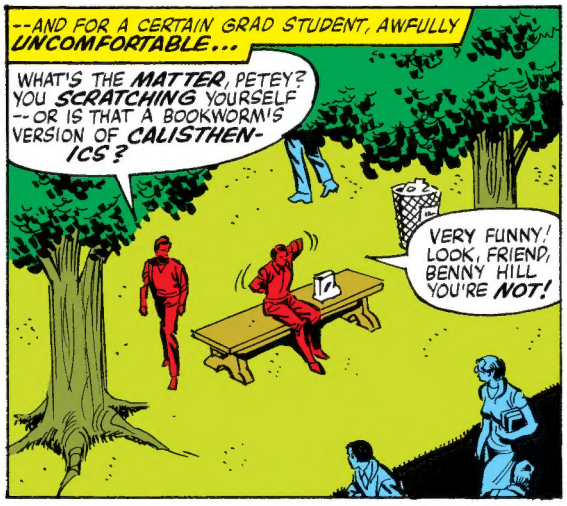

LISTEN, I GOT A CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER A SCIENTIST--ALONG WITH A NEW EXPERIMENTAL POWER GENERATOR TO A CERTAIN PLACE IN THE OCEAN!
GO ON.

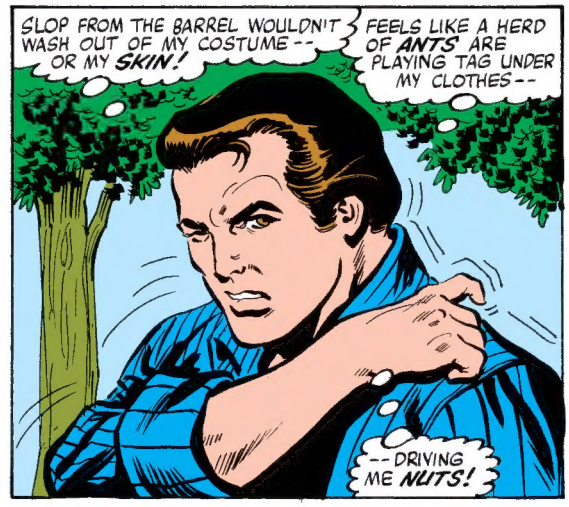
THOSE GUYS ARE MY CREW! THEY'RE REFUSING TO REPORT TO DUTY BECAUSE... BECAUSE OF SOME TROUBLE WE HAD!
I KNOW IT'S A LOT TO ASK, BUT I'M DESPERATE! CAN YOU HELP?
SORRY--


--BUT IT'S NOT MY KIND OF PROBLEM! YOU'RE TALKING DEEP BLUE SEA AND I'M STRICTLY A CITY BOY!
GOOD LUCK --AND GOOD-BYE!
ZWAAK

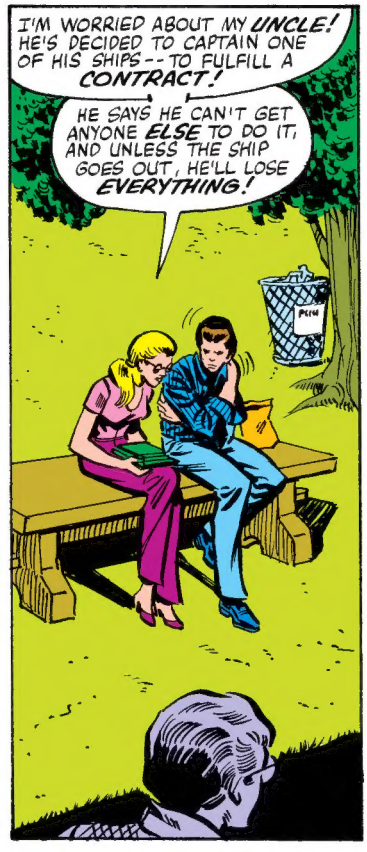

MEANWHILE, IN THE COOL TWILIGHT OF THE OCEAN FLOOR, AT THE FABULOUS, SUNKEN KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS--
HEAR ME, GOOD CITIZENS --HEAR YOUR RULER!
HEED THE WORDS OF PRINCE NAMOR!
THE SURFACE PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN IMPOSE UPON US THEIR FOLLY! THE EXPERIMENTS THEY PERFORM WOULD CAUSE VAST DISTURBANCES IN THE OCEAN CURRENTS -- AND ENDANGER OUR VERY CIVILIZATION?
IS NOT OUR PATIENCE AT AN END?
ARE WE NOT PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR THE PEACE WHICH IS RIGHTFULLY OURS?
BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I ASK YOU --
--IS NOT THIS CAUSE FOR WAR?
THE ROAR OF ASSENT IS DEAFENING--
--AND PROUD!

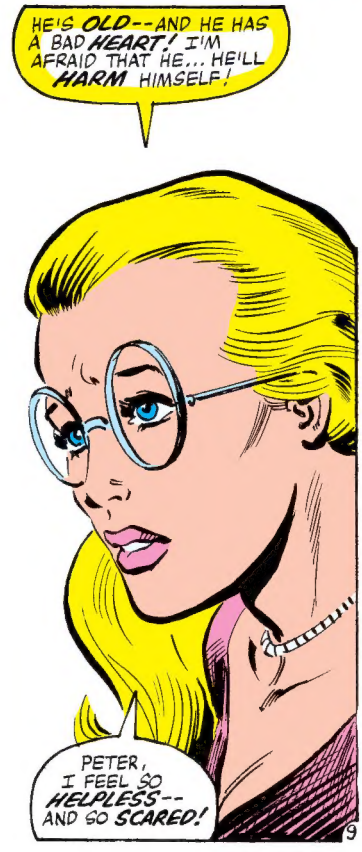

AT NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE CAMPUS OF EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY IS HOT, BUSY--

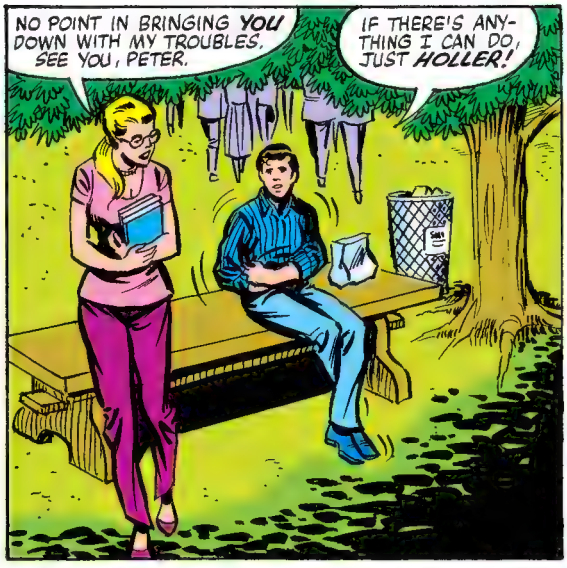

--AND FOR A CERTAIN GRAD STUDENT, AWFULLY UNCOMFORTABLE...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, PETEY? YOU SCRATCHING YOURSELF --OR IS THAT A BOOKWORM'S VERSION OF CALISTHENICS?
VERY FUNNY! LOOK, FRIEND, BENNY HILL YOU'RE NOT!


SLOP FROM THE BARREL WOULDN'T WASH OUT OF MY COSTUME -- OR MY SKIN!
FEELS LIKE A HERD OF ANTS ARE PLAYING TAG UNDER MY CLOTHES --
-- DRIVING ME NUTS!

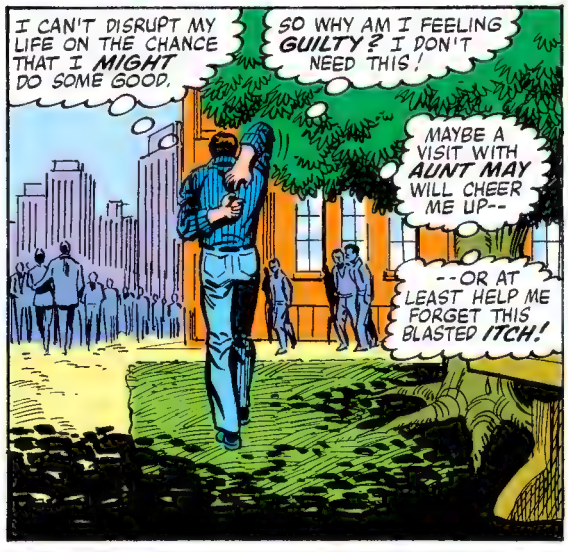
HELLO, PETER!
HEY, IT'S THE EVER-CHARMING MS. WHITMAN!
HI, DEBBIE, WHY THE GLUMNESS?


I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY UNCLE! HE'S DECIDED TO CAPTAIN ONE OF HIS SHIPS--TO FULFILL A CONTRACT!
HE SAYS HE CAN'T GET ANYONE ELSE TO DO IT, AND UNLESS THE SHIP GOES OUT, HE'LL LOSE EVERYTHING!

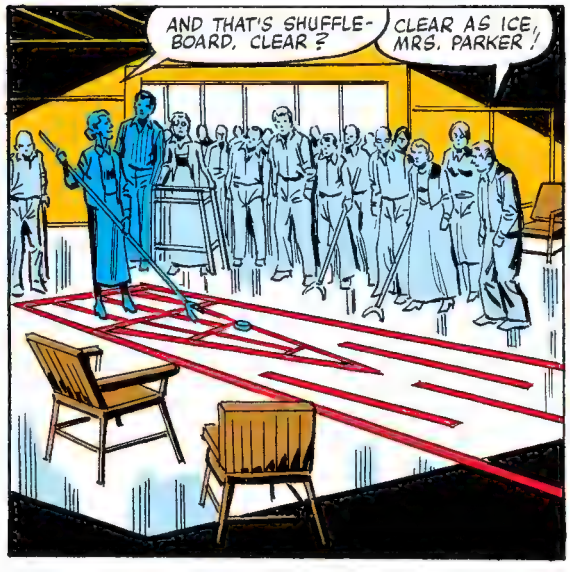

HE'S OLD--AND HE HAS A BAD HEART! I'M AFRAID THAT HE... HE'LL HARM HIMSELF!
PETER, I FEEL SO HELPLESS-- AND SO SCARED!

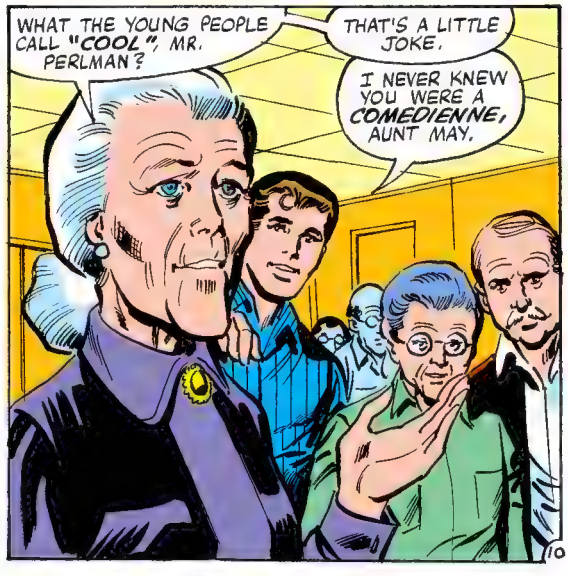

NO POINT IN BRINGING YOU DOWN WITH MY TROUBLES, SEE YOU, PETER.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO, JUST HOLLER!

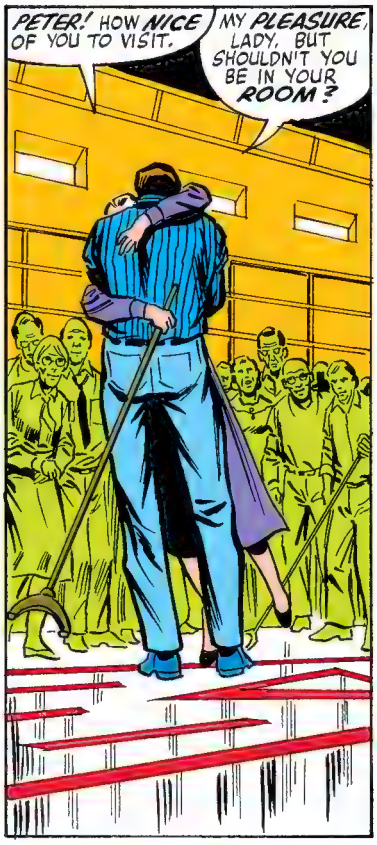
WHO'M I KIDDIN'? SHE HAS HOLLERED--OR HER UNCLE HAS.
I WOULDN'T LISTEN. BUT DARN IT--I WAS RIGHT NOT TO.
WHEN I ORIGINALLY OFFERED TO HELP, I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT IT WOULD INVOLVE.


I CAN'T DISRUPT MY LIFE ON THE CHANCE THAT I MIGHT DO SOME GOOD.
SO WHY AM I FEELING GUILTY? I DON'T NEED THIS!
MAYBE A VISIT WITH AUNT MAY WILL CHEER ME UP--
--OR AT LEAST HELP ME FORGET THIS BLASTED ITCH!

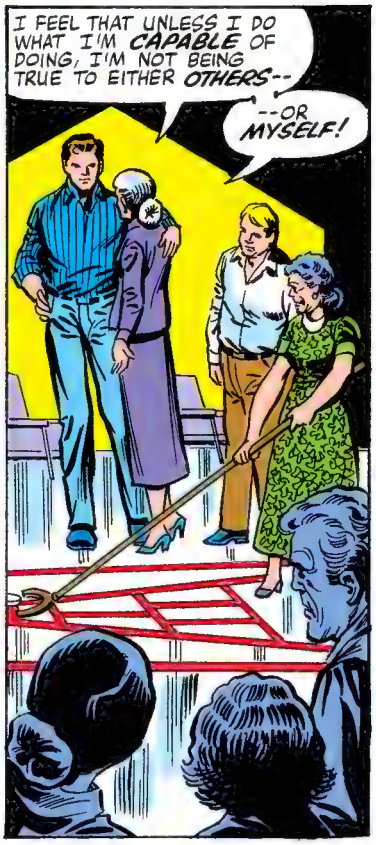
AN HOUR LATER, AT THE RESTWELL NURSING HOME...
IT'S EASY AND FUN, TOO--
--YOU JUST PUSH THE DOOHICKEY WITH THE THINGAMAJIG INTO THE NUMBERED WHATCHAMACALLITS.

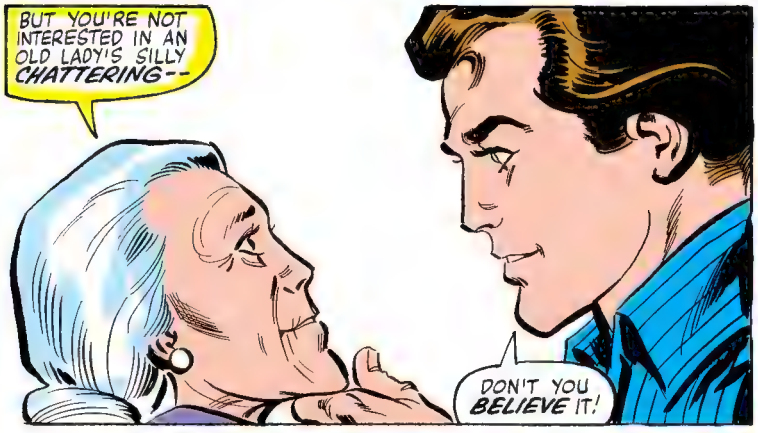

AND THAT'S SHUFFLEBOARD, CLEAR?
CLEAR AS ICE, MRS. PARKER!


WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE CALL "COOL", MR. PERLMAN?
THAT'S A LITTLE JOKE.
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE A COMEDIENNE, AUNT MAY.

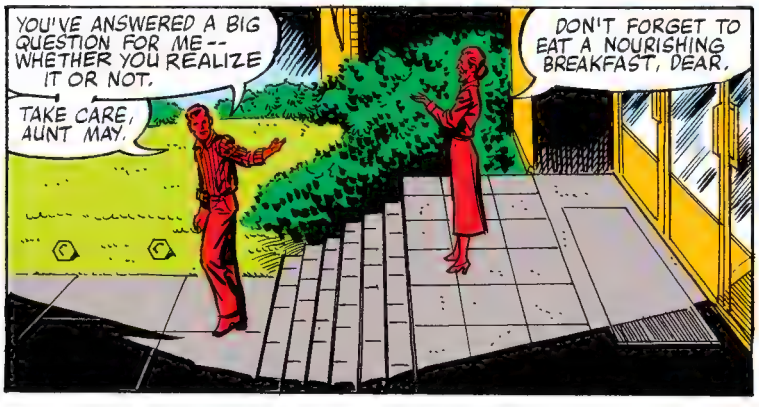

PETER! HOW NICE OF YOU TO VISIT.
MY PLEASURE, LADY, BUT SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN YOUR ROOM?

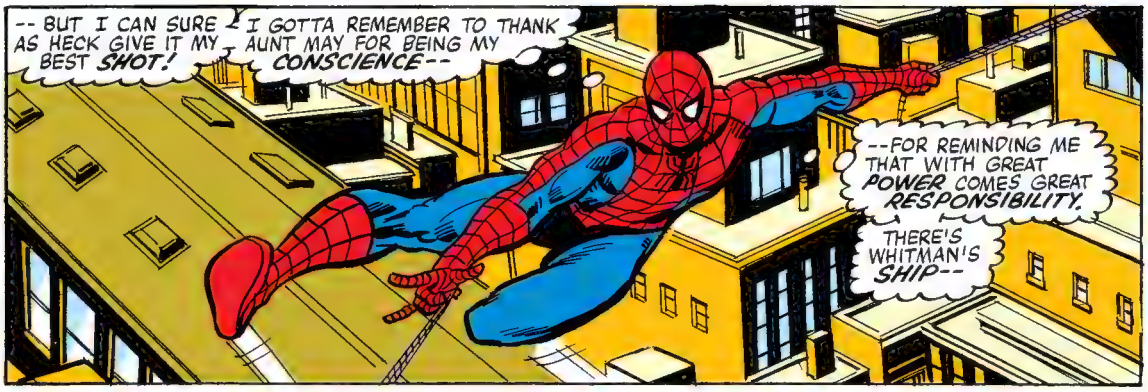
I HEARD YOU WERE A BIT UNDER THE WEATHER.
WELL... PERHAPS A TRIFLE, BUT SOMEONE HAS TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE RECREATION HOUR--
--AND I HAPPEN TO BE THE BEST QUALIFIED!

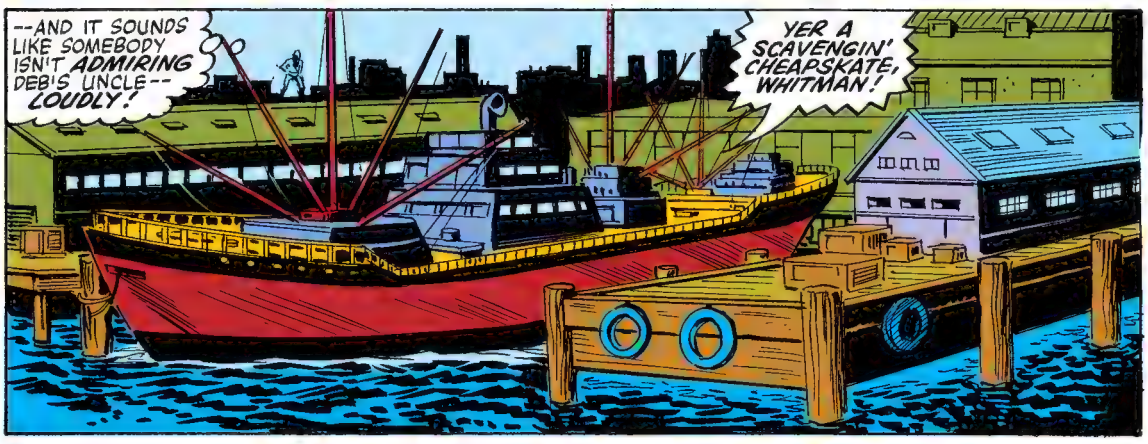

I FEEL THAT UNLESS I DO WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF DOING, I'M NOT BEING TRUE TO EITHER OTHERS--
--OR MYSELF!


BUT YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN AN OLD LADY'S SILLY CHATTERING--
DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!

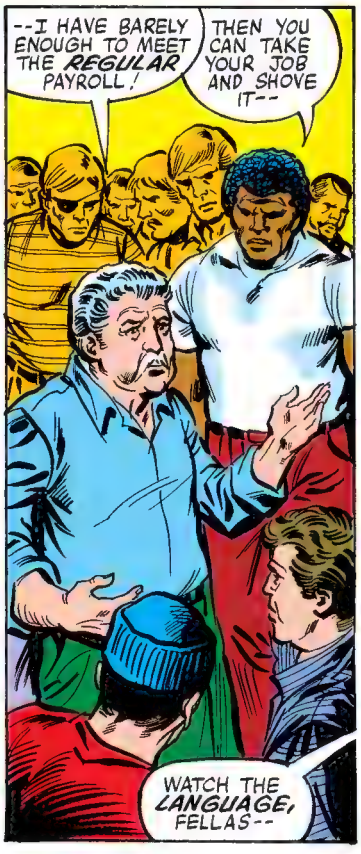
SOON--
SOMETIMES I THINK THAT WOMAN HAS MORE WISDOM THAN A REGIMENT OF PROFESSORS.
"...UNLESS I DO WHAT I'M CAPABLE OF DOING, I'M NOT BEING TRUE EITHER TO OTHERS OR MYSELF," SHE SAID.
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN HELP DEBBIE'S UNCLE--


YOU'VE ANSWERED A BIG QUESTION FOR ME-- WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT.
TAKE CARE, AUNT MAY.
DON'T FORGET TO EAT A NOURISHING BREAKFAST, DEAR.


-- BUT I CAN SURE AS HECK GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT!
I GOTTA REMEMBER TO THANK AUNT MAY FOR BEING MY CONSCIENCE--
--FOR REMINDING ME THAT WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
THERE'S WHITMAN'S SHIP--


--AND IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY ISN'T ADMIRING DEB'S UNCLE-- LOUDLY!
YER A SCAVENGIN' CHEAPSKATE, WHITMAN!

ASKIN' US TO RISK OUR NECKS AN' YOU AIN'T WILLIN' TO PAY A BONUS?
WHAT A PILE!
I CAN'T PAY BONUSES--

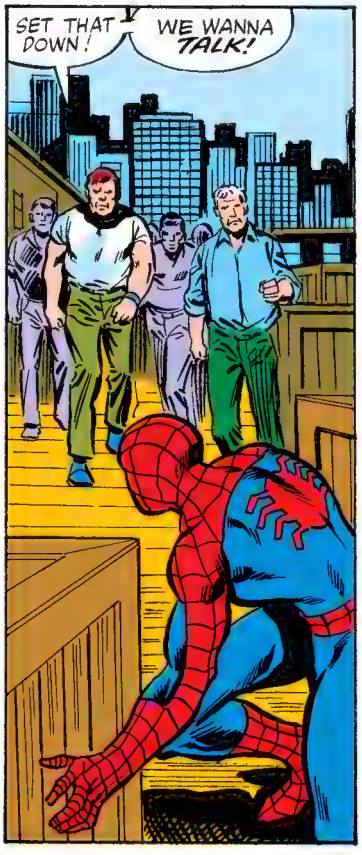

--I HAVE BARELY ENOUGH TO MEET THE REGULAR PAYROLL!
THEN YOU CAN TAKE YOUR JOB AND SHOVE IT--
WATCH THE LANGUAGE, FELLAS--

-- CAUSE I SHOCK EASY!
SOMEBODY INVITE HIM?

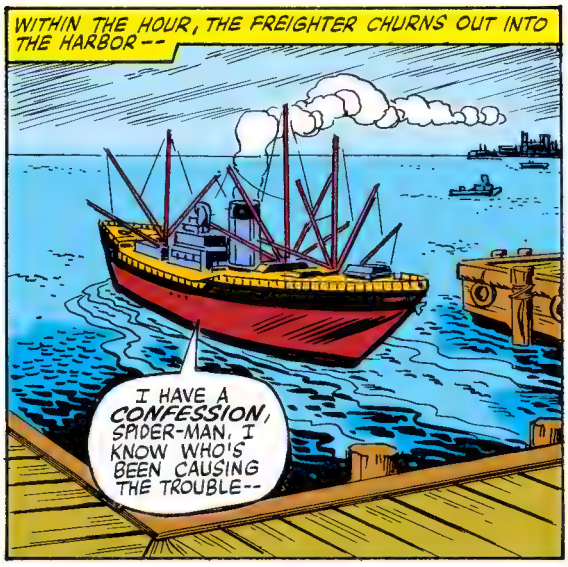
FORGET THESE LOSERS, MR. WHITMAN! WE CAN RUN THE OPERATION OURSELVES! AND I WON'T EVEN ASK FOR A SALARY, MUCH LESS BLOOD MONEY!
ERINDIRIS
YOU WANT THESE CRATES LOADED, NO PROBLEM.

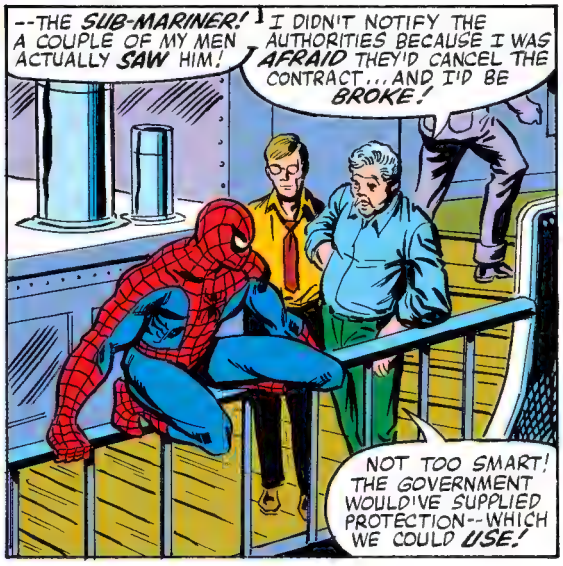
SHEESH! I'M REALLY PLAYING IT BY EAR! I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT SORT OF BLUFF I'M RUNNING--
--BUT I CAN'T BACK OUT NOW!
WHERE YOU WANT 'EM, CAPTAIN SIR?

WE GONNA LET 'IM DO THAT?
NO CHANCE!
STEP ASIDE, WHITMAN!
PLEASE... NO MORE VIOLENCE!

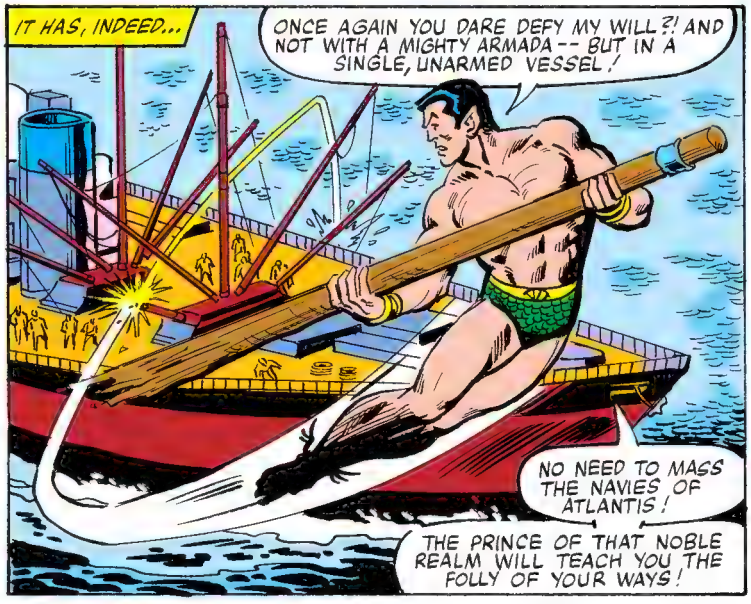

SET THAT DOWN!
WE WANNA TALK!

YOU GOT GUTS... AN' WE ADMIRE GUTS. SO WE'RE GONNA SHIP OUT WITH YOU-- JUST TO SEE IF YER BODY CAN CASH THE CHECK YER MOUTH IS WRITING.
BLOW ME DOWN, MATEY.

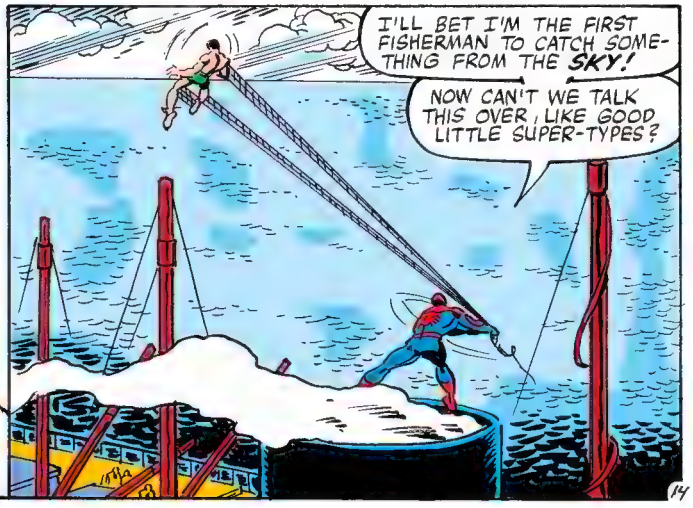

WITHIN THE HOUR, THE FREIGHTER CHURNS OUT INTO THE HARBOR--
I HAVE A CONFESSION, SPIDER-MAN, I KNOW WHO'S BEEN CAUSING THE TROUBLE--

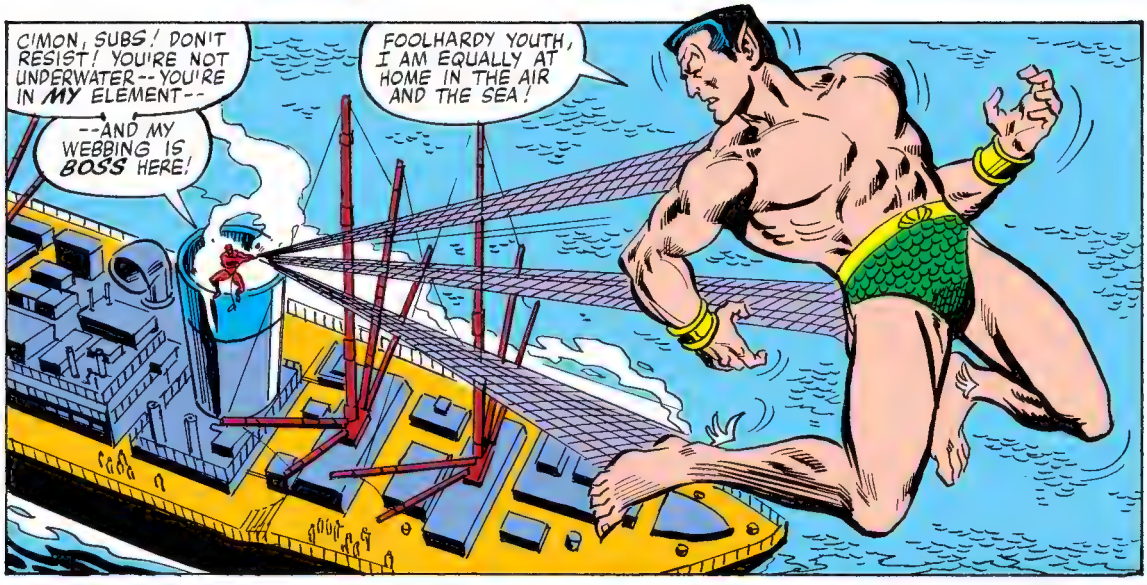

--THE SUB-MARINER! A COUPLE OF MY MEN ACTUALLY SAW HIM!
I DIDN'T NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID THEY'D CANCEL THE CONTRACT... AND I'D BE BROKE!
NOT TOO SMART! THE GOVERNMENT WOULD'VE SUPPLIED PROTECTION--WHICH WE COULD USE!

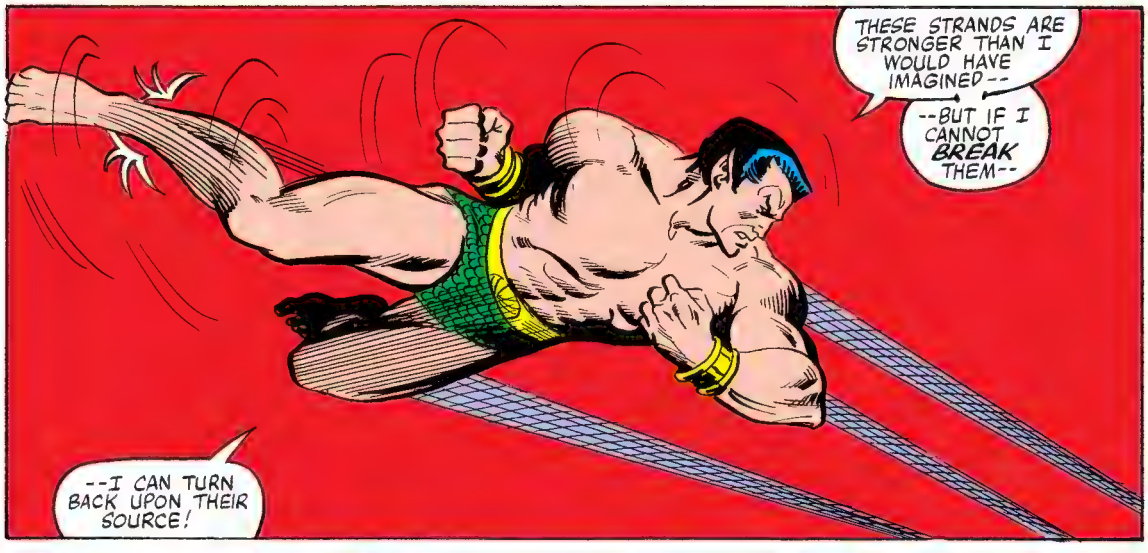
SUDDENLY--
BREEP-BREEP-B
THE ALARM--!
FUN TIME'S BEGUN!

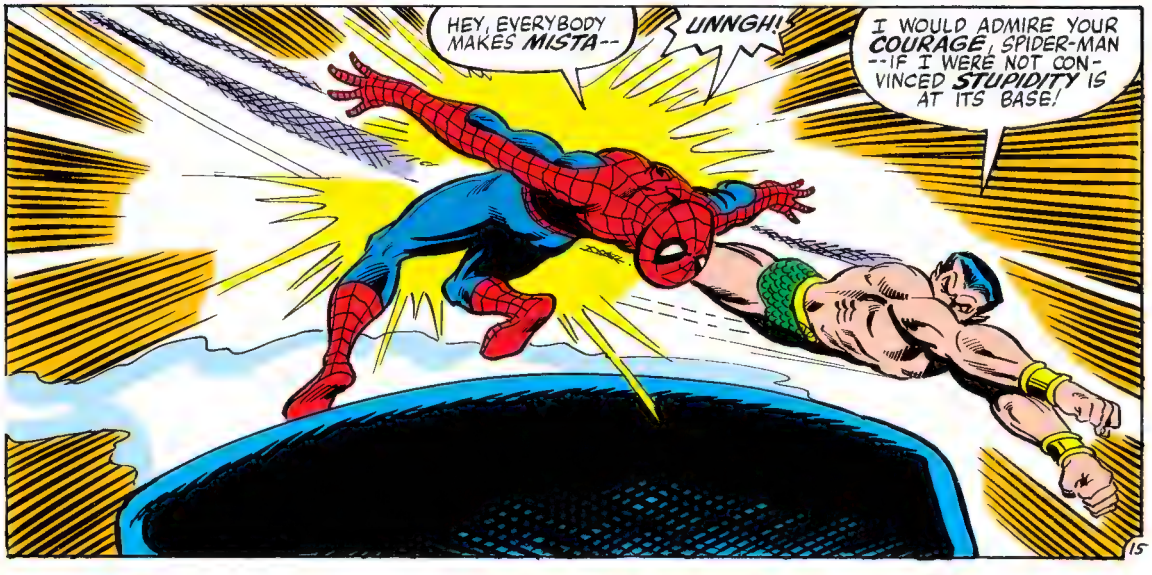

IT HAS, INDEED...
ONCE AGAIN YOU DARE DEFY MY WILL?! AND NOT WITH A MIGHTY ARMADA -- BUT IN A SINGLE, UNARMED VESSEL!
NO NEED TO MASS THE NAVIES OF ATLANTIS!
THE PRINCE OF THAT NOBLE REALM WILL TEACH YOU THE FOLLY OF YOUR WAYS!

EH--?
YOU FORGOT TO SHOW US YOUR WRECKING PERMIT, SUBBY!

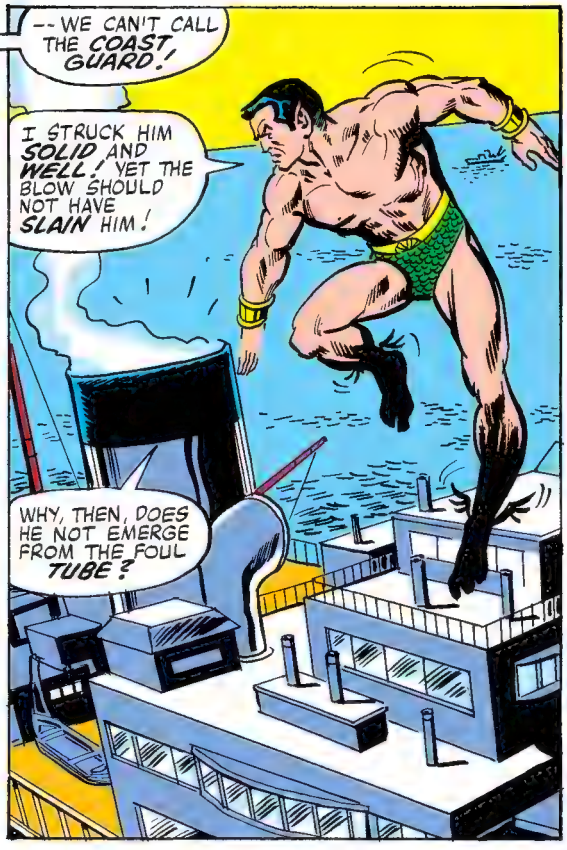

I'LL BET I'M THE FIRST FISHERMAN TO CATCH SOMETHING FROM THE SKY!
NOW CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER, LIKE GOOD LITTLE SUPER-TYPES?


C'MON, SUBS! DON'T RESIST! YOU'RE NOT UNDERWATER--YOU'RE IN MY ELEMENT--
--AND MY WEBBING IS BOSS HERE!
FOOLHARDY YOUTH, I AM EQUALLY AT HOME IN THE AIR AND THE SEA!


THESE STRANDS ARE STRONGER THAN I WOULD HAVE IMAGINED--
--BUT IF I CANNOT BREAK THEM--
--I CAN TURN BACK UPON THEIR SOURCE!

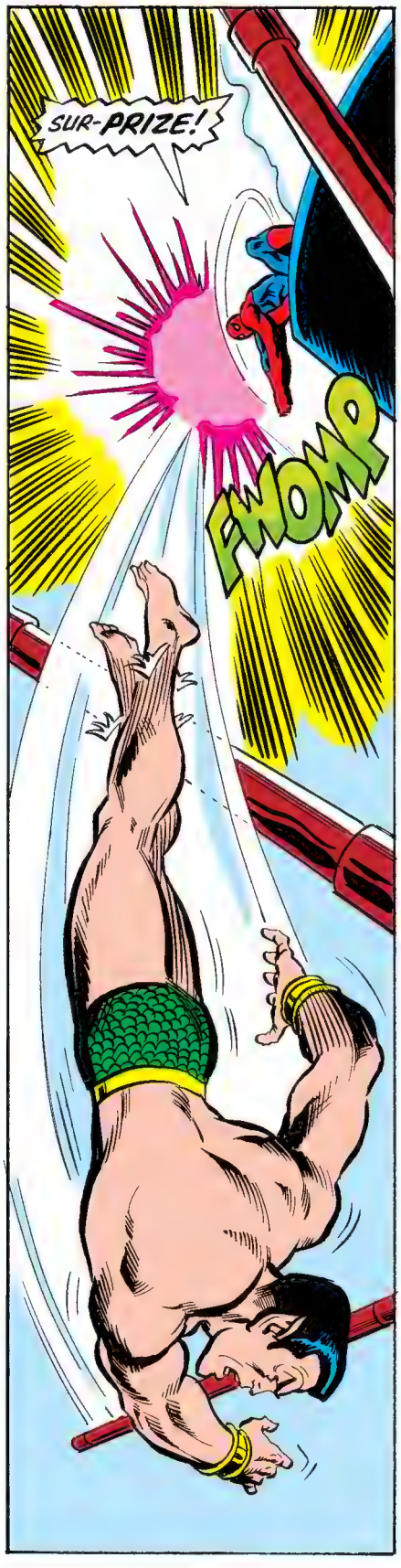

HEY, EVERYBODY MAKES MISTA--
UNNGH!
I WOULD ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE, SPIDER-MAN --IF I WERE NOT CONVINCED STUPIDITY IS AT ITS BASE!

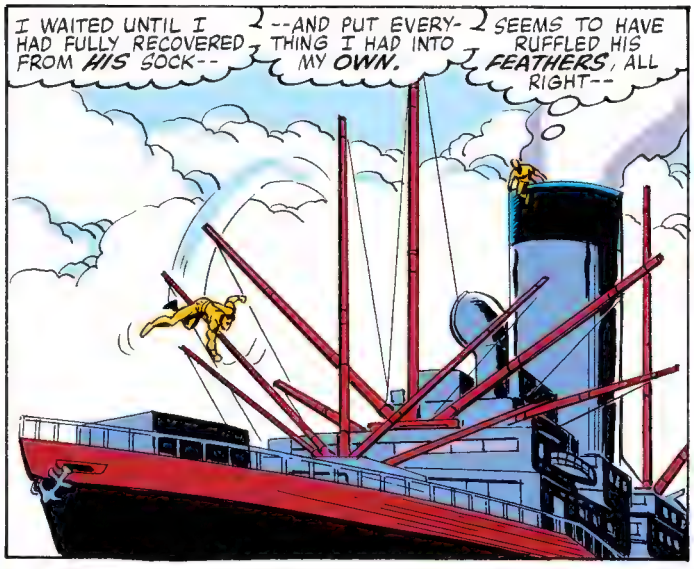
FISH-FACE PUNCHED OUR PAL!
KNOCKED 'IM CLEAN INTO THE FUNNEL!*
YEAH... AN' THE RADIO ANTENNA GOT RUINED--
*SEAMAN'S WORD FOR SMOKESTACK.--AHOYIN' AL.

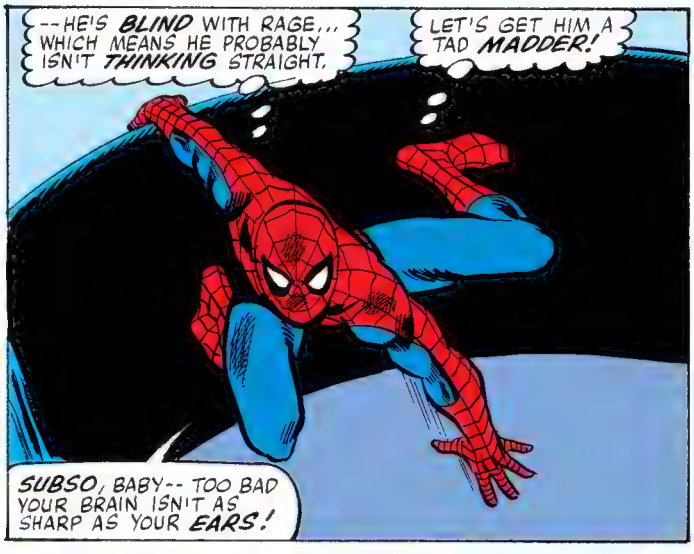

--WE CAN'T CALL THE COAST GUARD!
I STRUCK HIM SOLID AND WELL! YET THE BLOW SHOULD NOT HAVE SLAIN HIM!
WHY, THEN, DOES HE NOT EMERGE FROM THE FOUL TUBE?

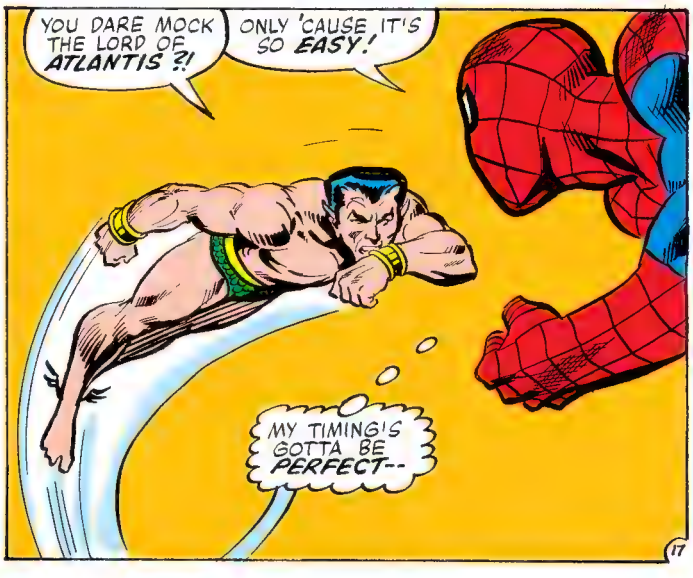
THOUGH NO ONE MAY ATTACK PRINCE NAMOR WITH IMPUNITY, STILL I HAD NO WISH THAT THE LAD SHOULD PERISH.
I MUST BE CERTAIN, HOWEVER.

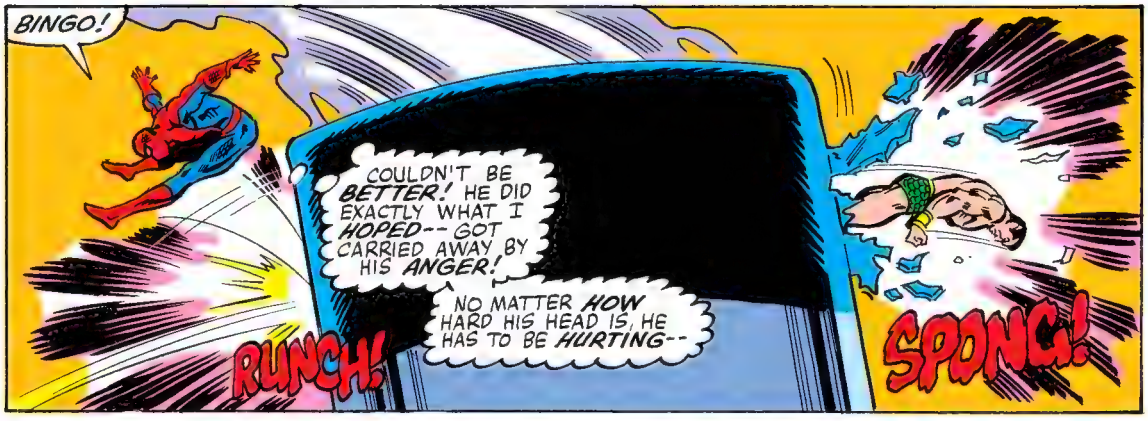
THE FUMES STING MY EYES--CLOUD MY VISION!
I CANNOT PENETRATE THE FETID MURK--!

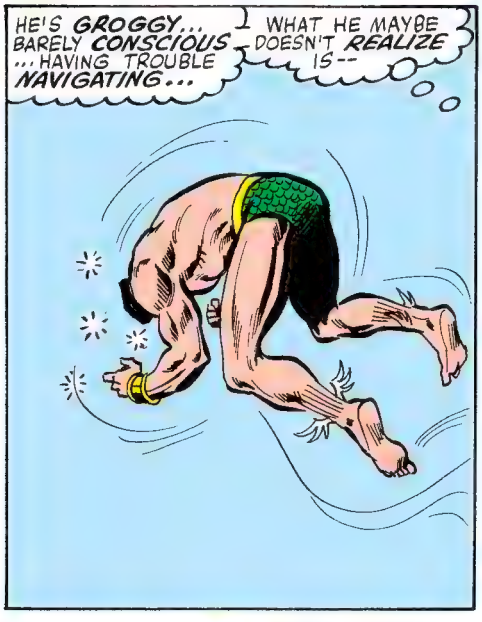

SUR-PRIZE!
FWOMP


I WAITED UNTIL I HAD FULLY RECOVERED FROM HIS SOCK--
--AND PUT EVERYTHING I HAD INTO MY OWN.
SEEMS TO HAVE RUFFLED HIS FEATHERS, ALL RIGHT--

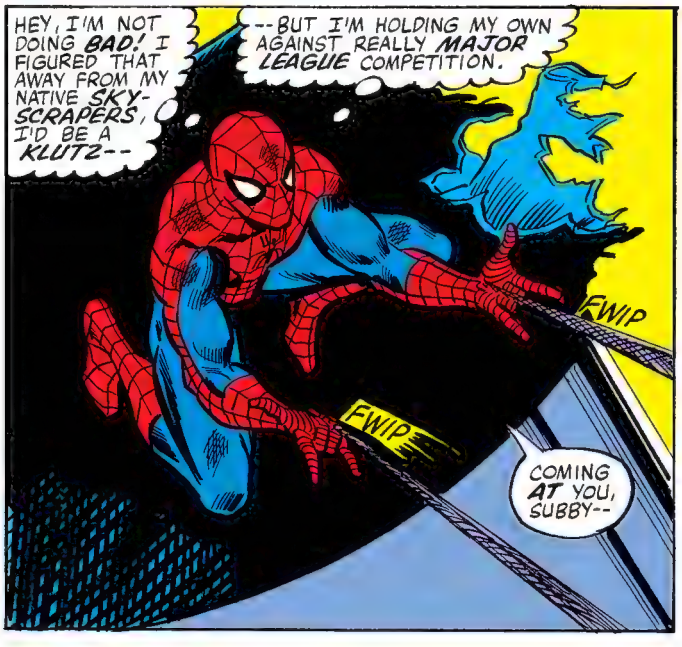

--HE'S BLIND WITH RAGE,.. WHICH MEANS HE PROBABLY ISN'T THINKING STRAIGHT.
LET'S GET HIM A TAD MADDER!
SUBSO, BABY-- TOO BAD YOUR BRAIN ISN'T AS SHARP AS YOUR EARS!


YOU DARE MOCK THE LORD OF ATLANTIS ?!
ONLY 'CAUSE IT'S SO EASY!
MY TIMING'S GOTTA BE PERFECT--


BINGO!
COULDN'T BE BETTER! HE DID EXACTLY WHAT I HOPED-- GOT CARRIED AWAY BY HIS ANGER!
NO MATTER HOW HARD HIS HEAD IS, HE HAS TO BE HURTING--
RUNCH!
SPONG!


HE'S GROGGY... BARELY CONSCIOUS ...HAVING TROUBLE NAVIGATING...
WHAT HE MAYBE DOESN'T REALIZE IS--

--HE'S BEEN OUT OF THE WATER FOR SEVERAL MINUTES-- DRIED OUT BY THE SMOKE HE WAS EXPOSED TO!
IF I REMEMBER MY BASIC SUB-MARINER LORE, HE MUST BE WEAKENING!


HEY, I'M NOT DOING BAD! I FIGURED THAT AWAY FROM MY NATIVE SKY-SCRAPERS, I'D BE A KLUTZ--
--BUT I'M HOLDING MY OWN AGAINST REALLY MAJOR LEAGUE COMPETITION.
FWIP
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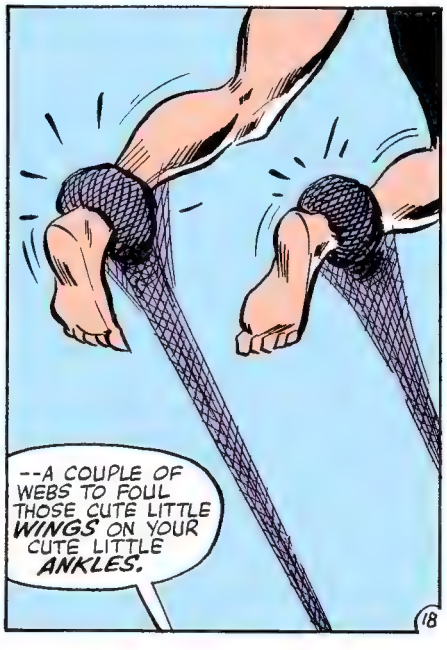
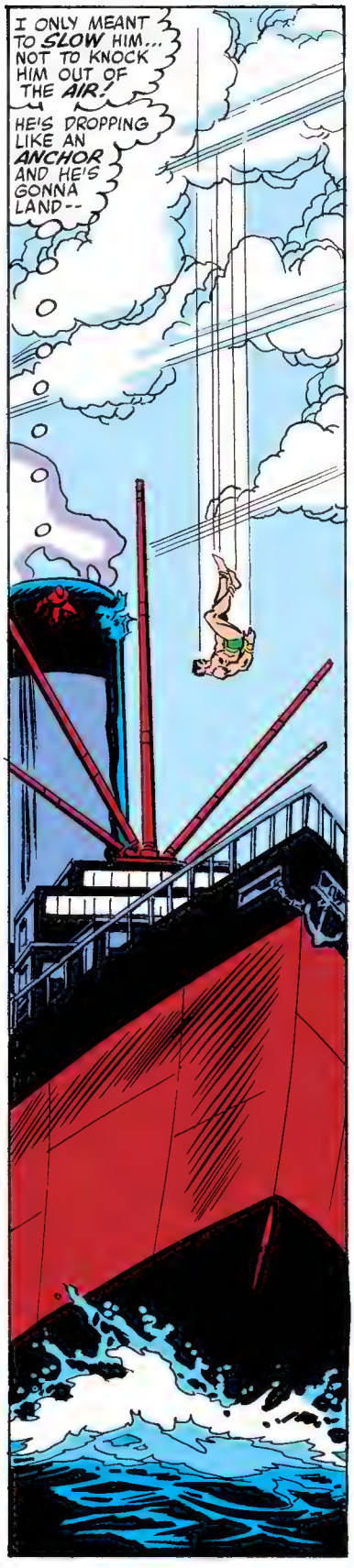
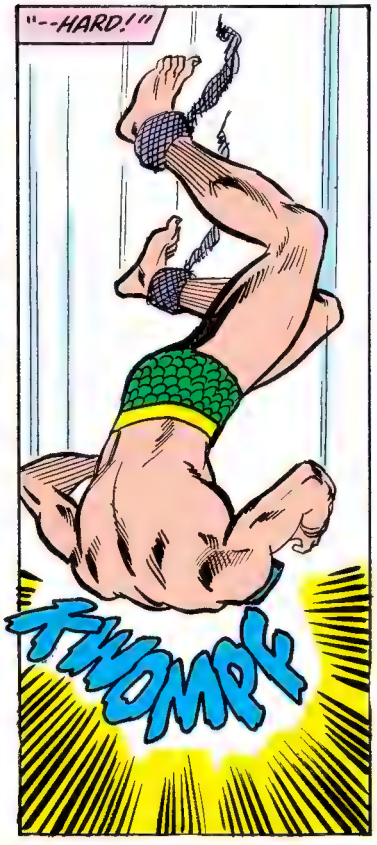
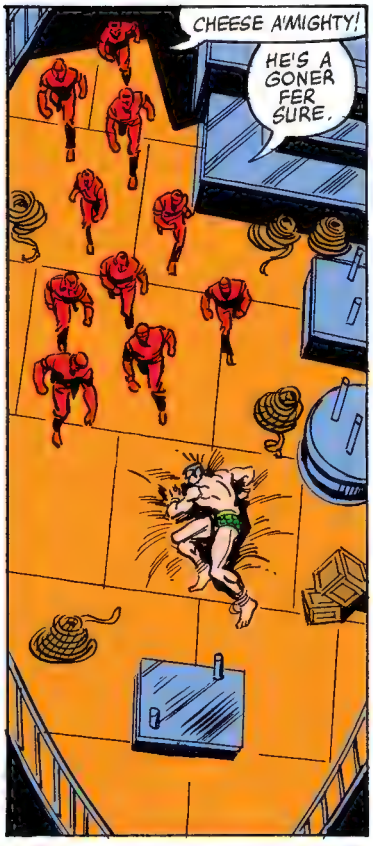
COMING AT YOU, SUBBY--

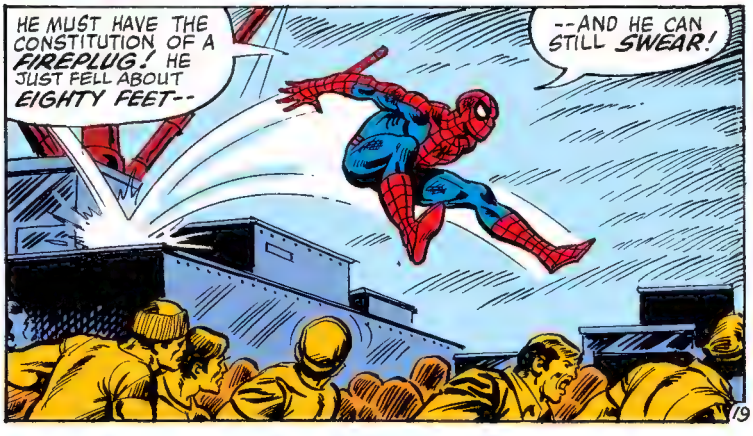

--A COUPLE OF WEBS TO FOUL THOSE CUTE LITTLE WINGS ON YOUR CUTE LITTLE ANKLES.

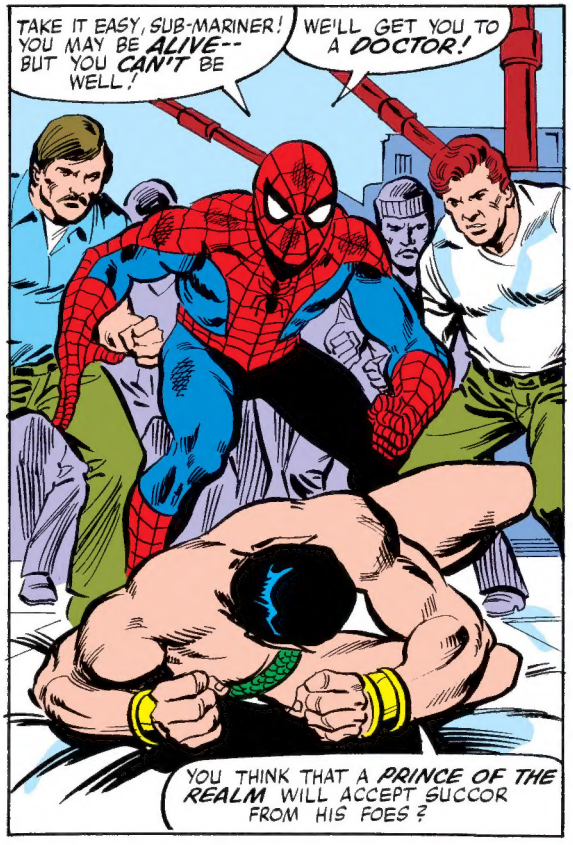

I ONLY MEANT TO SLOW HIM... NOT TO KNOCK HIM OUT OF THE AIR!
HE'S DROPPING LIKE AN ANCHOR AND HE'S GONNA LAND--

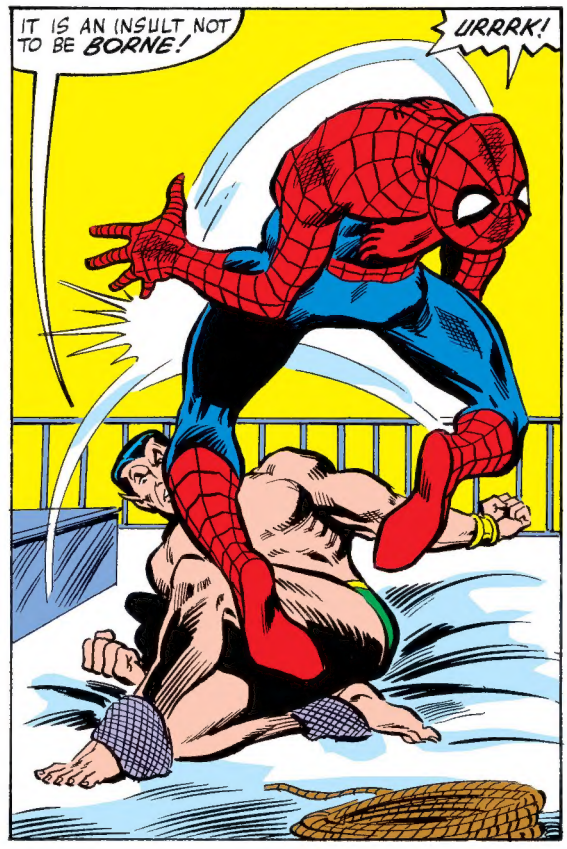

"--HARD!"
THWOMPH

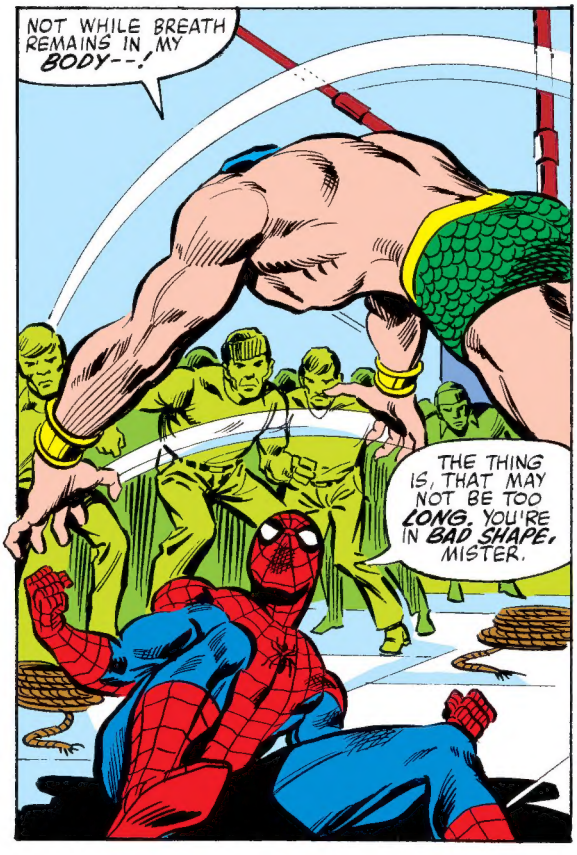

CHEESE A'MIGHTY!
HE'S A GONER FER SURE.

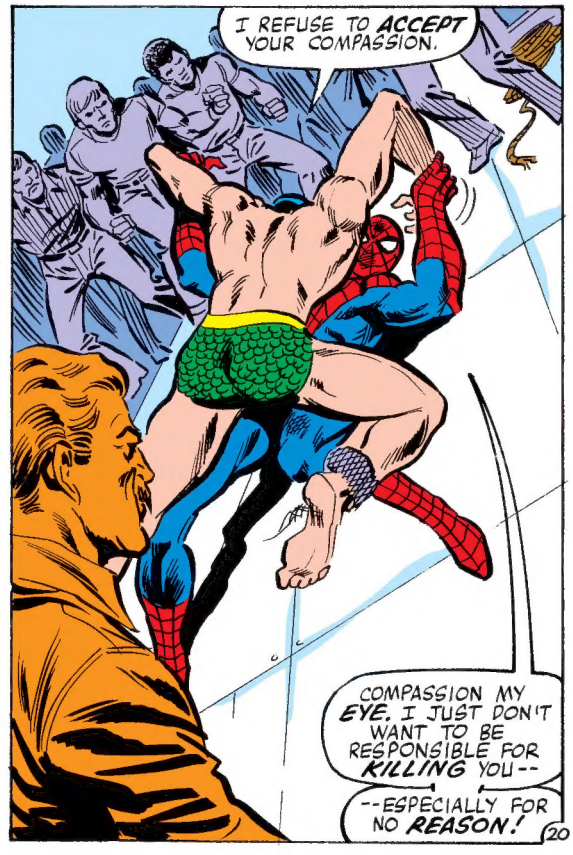
GONER? YOU THINK PRINCE NAMOR IS SO EASILY SLAIN?
BY, NEPTUNE... NO!

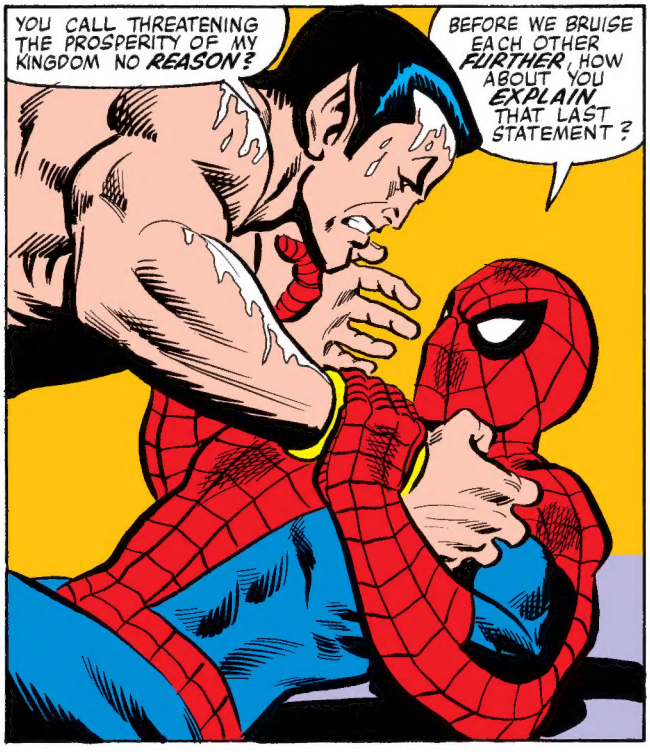

HE MUST HAVE THE CONSTITUTION OF A FIREPLUG! HE JUST FELL ABOUT EIGHTY FEET--
--AND HE CAN STILL SWEAR!


TAKE IT EASY, SUB-MARINER! YOU MAY BE ALIVE-- BUT YOU CAN'T BE WELL!
WE'LL GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!
YOU THINK THAT A PRINCE OF THE REALM WILL ACCEPT SUCCOR FROM HIS FOES?

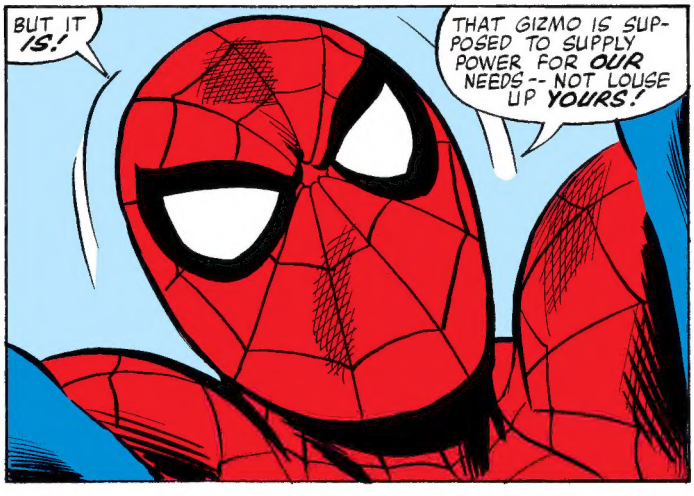

IT IS AN INSULT NOT TO BE BORNE!
URRRK!

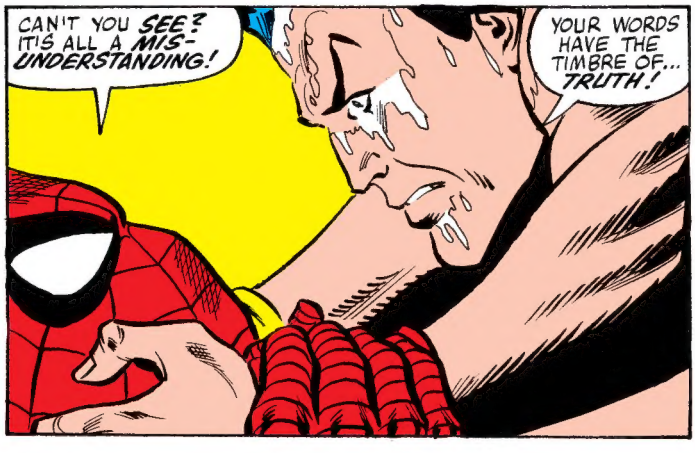

NOT WHILE BREATH REMAINS IN MY BODY--!
THE THING IS, THAT MAY NOT BE TOO LONG. YOU'RE IN BAD SHAPE, MISTER.

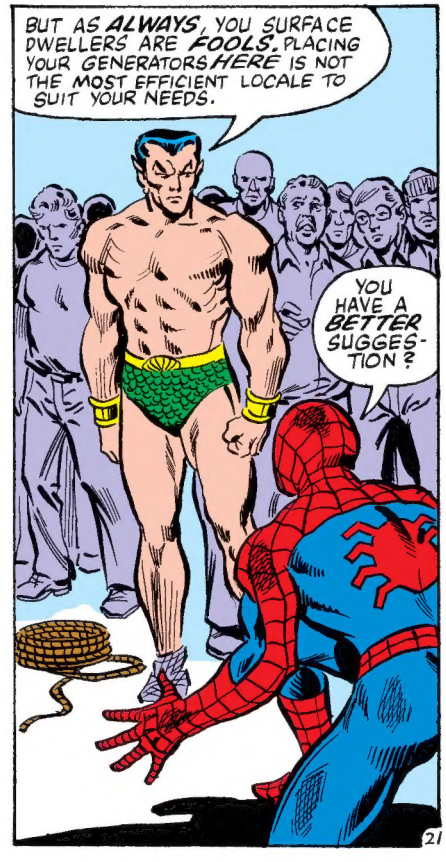

I REFUSE TO ACCEPT YOUR COMPASSION.
COMPASSION MY EYE. I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING YOU--
--ESPECIALLY FOR NO REASON!

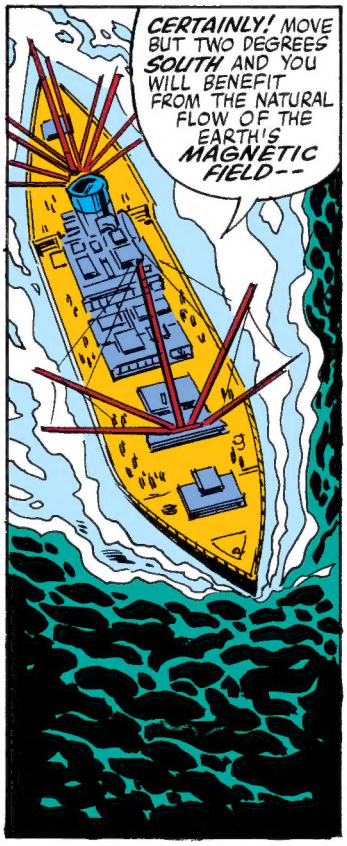

YOU CALL THREATENING THE PROSPERITY OF MY KINGDOM NO REASON?
BEFORE WE BRUISE EACH OTHER FURTHER, HOW ABOUT YOU EXPLAIN THAT LAST STATEMENT?

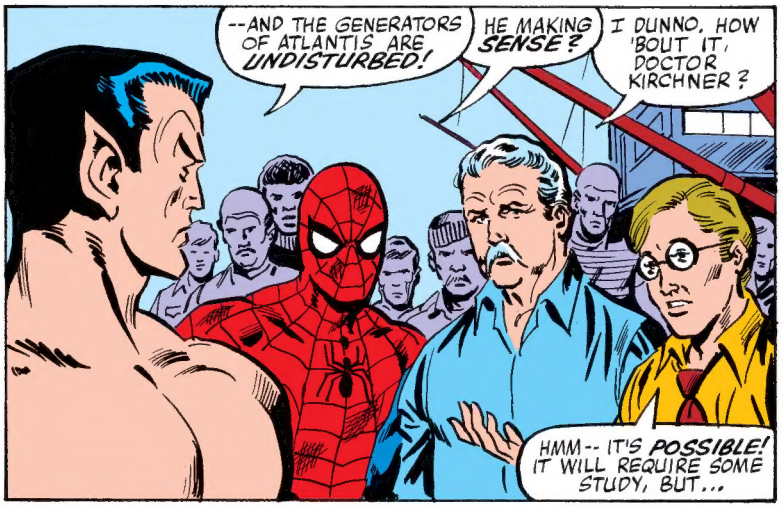
THE DEVICES YOU'VE BEEN PLACING BENEATH THE SEA... DISRUPT THE CURRENT WHICH OPERATES OUR GENERATORS.
SURELY THIS IS NO SURPRISE--

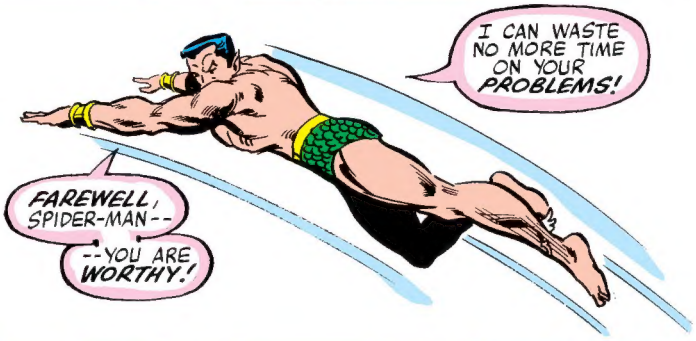

BUT IT IS!
THAT GIZMO IS SUPPOSED TO SUPPLY POWER FOR OUR NEEDS -- NOT LOUSE UP YOURS!


CAN'T YOU SEE? IT'S ALL A MIS-UNDERSTANDING!
YOUR WORDS HAVE THE TIMBRE OF... TRUTH!

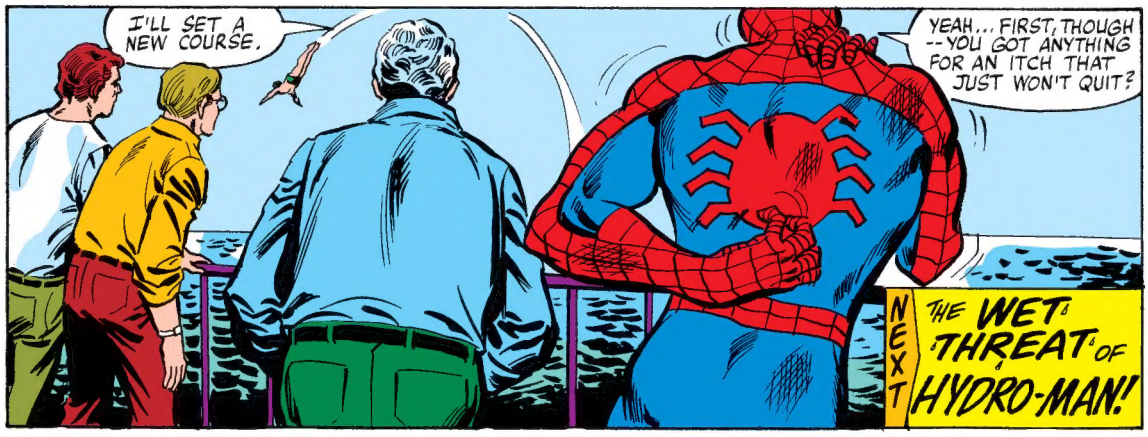

BUT AS ALWAYS, YOU SURFACE DWELLERS ARE FOOLS. PLACING YOUR GENERATORS HERE IS NOT THE MOST EFFICIENT LOCALE TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS.
YOU HAVE A BETTER SUGGESTION?


CERTAINLY! MOVE BUT TWO DEGREES SOUTH AND YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM THE NATURAL FLOW OF THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD--


--AND THE GENERATORS OF ATLANTIS ARE UNDISTURBED!
HE MAKING SENSE?
I DUNNO, HOW 'BOUT IT, DOCTOR KIRCHNER?
HMM-- IT'S POSSIBLE! IT WILL REQUIRE SOME STUDY, BUT...


I CAN WASTE NO MORE TIME ON YOUR PROBLEMS!
FAREWELL, SPIDER-MAN--
--YOU ARE WORTHY!

SO ARE YOU, I GUESS.
HE'S QUITE AN ENIGMA-- I ONLY HOPE WE DON'T EVER HAVE TO GO TO WAR WITH HIM.


I'LL SET A NEW COURSE.
YEAH... FIRST, THOUGH --YOU GOT ANYTHING FOR AN ITCH THAT JUST WON'T QUIT?
NEXT
THE WET THREAT OF HYDRO-MAN!

Shadowcat